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RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed July 7, 2000.

Reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested in light of the remarks below.

REMARKS

A final Action was issued in the above case on July 7, 2000. A Preliminary Amendment including amendments to claims 34 and 35 and new claims 36-47 was filed via facsimile on June 20, 2000. During a telephone conversation with Examiner Chang on July 12, 2000, she stated that the Action was most likely made final prematurely as the preliminary amendment was not considered. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the finality of the July 7th Action be withdrawn and that the preliminary amendment be considered.

In Office Action issued on July 7, 2000, claims 1-35 were rejected as allegedly being unpatentable under Section 103(a) over the combination of U.S. Patent No. 3,742,113 to Cohen or U.S. Patent No. 5,361,306 to Garcia in view of U.S. Patent No. 1,855,054 to Johnson. In asserting this two-way obviousness rejection, the Examiner states in pertinent part: